



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



May 25, 2025

Service for the Lord's Day

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We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

"In Jesus, Christians believe, everyone gets a good look at what it means to be both fully human and fully divine—not half and half, as if he walked around with a dotted line down his middle, but fully both, all the time. His full humanity was on full display as he taught, healed, fed, and freed people, just as it was when he honored the poor, defied the powerful, and turned the institutional tables along with his own cheek."

- Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

Prelude

Andante with Variations

Mendelssohn

Welcome

Aleta Ash

Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.

Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.

Introit

Let's Sing unto the Lord

Rosas, Martinez

Call to Worship*

From Isaiah 43; Joanna Hulsey

One: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine.

Many: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

One: And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

Many: When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

One: Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

Many: Do not fear, for I am with you.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #336*

We Gather Together

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Children's Message

Cary Dickerson

Choral Response

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Pulkingham, Fishel

We Repent & Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Aleta Ash

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all ages, we stand before you today in this time, in this place, as we are. We acknowledge our brokenness, our sinfulness, and our need for you. At times we feel hopeless and helpless in the midst of our hurting and troubled world. Forgive us for our lack of faithfulness in following and trusting you. Please wake us up, enliven us, and fill us with hope. Make us ready and able to do whatever we can, whenever we can, wherever we are, as we seek to do your work and will. Amen. (*Silence*)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All : In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven!

Gloria Patri #581*

GLORIA PATRI

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.”

Passing of the Peace*

Joanna Hulsey

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please offer a sign of Christ’s peace to those around you.

We Hear God’s Word

First Lesson

Psalm 67:1-7

OT p. 529; Joanna Hulsey

Anthem

Beside a Stream of Living Water

N. Kraft, arr. T. Keesecker

Beside a stream of living water
Stands a tree of God’s blest people,
Its roots run deep, from those before us.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

So many rings, a living history
Some are thin from years of struggle,
Some circle wide from times of plenty.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

The branches soar beyond the steeple,
Leaves as varied as its people;
So many gifts and yet one body.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

O tree of life, O tree of glory,
May our witness tell God’s story
For all who follow in the future.
By grace, it grows by grace, the love of God abounding.

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Joanna Hulsey

We look to your written word, seeking guidance and direction. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our ears, our minds, and our hearts that we might see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. We seek to glimpse the living Christ, and to follow in His way.

Second Lesson

John 14:23-29

NT p. 109; Aleta Ash

One: The Word of the Lord,

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Where's Jesus?

Aleta Ash

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

From *The Confession of 1967* – 9.32

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Invitation to the Offering

Joanna Hulsey

Offertory

Meditation from Symphony No. 1

Charles-Marie Widor

To make an online offering to HMPC, we invite you to use this QR code:



Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!”

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Aleta Ash

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #839*

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

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Benediction*

Choral Response*

Christ Has Risen and Forever Lives

Welsh Melody, Fedak

Postlude

Trio par Contrefugue

Lambert Chaumont

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today! Following the service, we invite you to a **time of fellowship** in Westminster Hall.

If you are a guest, we invite you to stop at one of the entryway tables for a gift bag and information about the church.

Worship Notes

Blue prayer cards are available in the pew racks. If you are in need of prayer, you may fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

Liturgist today - Deacon Joanna Hulsey

Ushers today - Wilson Cheeley, Nancy Eyre, Sandy Geiger, Jill Hovis

Greeters today - Davis Bradshaw, Davis Jennings, Carol Cox

Soundboard Operator - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Erik Jacobsen

Deacon on Call (DOC) for May is Jeffrey Coonse. DOC for June is Judie Greenawalt. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

The Memory Book today is open to Children's Bibles given July 2023 by Matt & Melissa Carlisle, in honor of the Carlisle boys; Given by Adam & Heather Carter, in honor of Collin Carter; Given by Emily & Barry Cobb, in honor of Maggie & James Cobb.

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Children & Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC! The comfort and security of children are our highest priority.

- **Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 10:15–11:45. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals, and our nursery wing has its own security system.
- We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. **Please sign in children** at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children’s Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children’s Message, all children age 3 years through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children’s Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- **Our Children’s Worship area** is open to children 1st grade and under. Children 2nd grade and older are asked to sit with their parents until the Children’s Message. While your child is in the Children’s Worship Area, parents should sit in nearby pews to supervise their children.

May Special Offering: Shelter Ministry - Final Week!

Your gifts this month to the Shelter Ministry Special Offering will go first to fulfill our commitment to the 2025 Interfaith Habitat Build — We currently have \$4,500 toward this year’s project and still need donations to reach our goal of \$6,500. Habitat works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes. Along with their home builds, their advocacy efforts focus on policy reform to remove systemic barriers preventing low-income and historically underserved families from accessing adequate, affordable shelter. Building with the Interfaith Coalition is an important witness for our congregation as we are united in a common cause that builds the beloved community.

Donations received that exceed the Habitat goal will be used for other shelter ministries as needed including our own Hudson Handy Helpers and Raleigh Rebuild Together.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, [donate online \(QR code to left\)](#), or text to give. Text donation amount with the word “Shelter” to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Shelter).

Upcoming at Hudson



June 1 - Youth Arts Worship Sunday/Graduation Sunday

10:30am Worship Service - Sanctuary



Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost

10:30am Worship Service - Rev. Ashley Anne Masters will be preaching



Wednesday, June 11 - Summer Supper

6:00pm - Westminster Hall

RSVP by 6/8 by calling the church office, or by scanning the QR code to left.



June 18-20 - Arts Camp (Grades K-5)

5:30-7:30 each evening - Music, art, and drama - Dinner will be provided.

Register your child or sign up to volunteer using the “Upcoming Events” link on hmpc.org, or by scanning the QR code to the left.



Friday, June 27 - Fellowship Friday: BINGO

6:30pm - Westminster Hall - Family-friendly!



Saturday, June 28 - Young(ish) Adult Summer Gathering

4:00pm - Mordecai Beverage Co.



July 20-25 - Avery County Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip



Friday, July 25 - Fellowship Friday

6:00pm - Meet up with your Hudson friends at Café Capistrano/Altered States Brewery



Saturday, July 26 - Young(ish) Adult Summer Gathering

4:00pm - Location TBD



Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Marguerite Sirrine, Moderator

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Class of 2027

Harry Bowles
Steve Guy
Don Haydon
Grace Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Barry Cobb
Jay Cummins
John James
Elizabeth Peeler

Deacons

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks, Moderator
Mary Schindo

Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse
Gil Graybill
Caroline Rohs
Lisa Williams
Fred Woodward

Class of 2028

Jenn Autry
Nancy Eyre
Joanna Hulsey
Hope Parangi
Iva Stowe

HMPC Staff

Marguerite Sirrine.....	Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Hunter Cox.....	Organist
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Erica Hairston.....	Business Manager
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Specialist
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Hannah Woodcock.....	Administrative Coordinator



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We Gather Together

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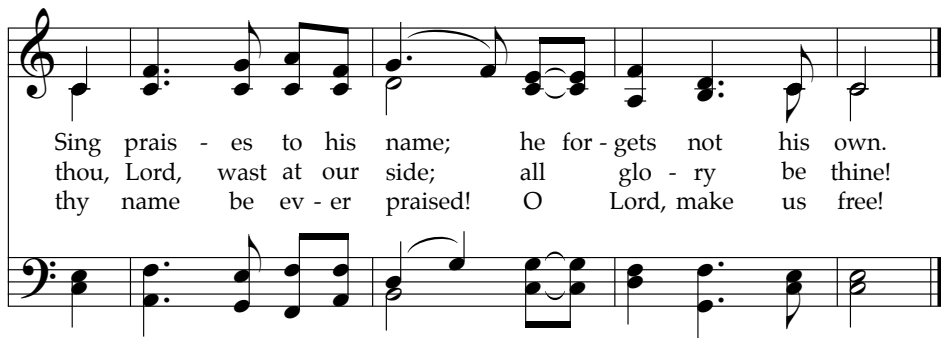
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴